

## JAPS LOSE TWO SHIPS

One Sunk in Collision With  
a Jap Vessel.

## ANOTHER SUNK BY MINE

ONLY NINETY OF COLLIDED  
BOAT'S CREW SAVED.

Cruiser Hatsuze Struck Russian Explosive Off Port Arthur and Sank in Half Hour.

TOKYO, May 19, 9:30 p.m.—Vice Admiral Togo has reported as follows:  
"A report from Rear Admiral Dewa says that the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino collided during a fog off Port Arthur, on May 15. The Yoshino sank, only ninety of her crew being saved."  
"On the same day the battleship Hatsuze struck a Russian mine and sank."

### Details of Disaster.

Giving details of the disaster, Vice Admiral Togo says:  
"At fourteen minutes past 1 in the afternoon of May 15, in a dense fog off Port Arthur, the Kasuga rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of her crew were saved."

"The same morning the Hatsuze, while cruising off Port Arthur, struck a mine ten knots southeast of the harbor entrance. She signaled for help, and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of her crew were saved by torpedo boats."

### Description of Ships.

The Yoshino was a cruiser of 4,190 tons displacement and 15,000 indicated horse power. She was built in England, was launched in 1902, was 350 feet long, had 46½ feet beam and her draft was 17 feet.

The armament of the Yoshino consisted of four 6-inch guns, eight 4-inch guns and twelve 3-inch guns. She had five torpedo tubes, her armored deck was 4½ inches thick and her gun positions were protected by shields 4½ inches in thickness. The cruiser's speed was estimated at twenty-three knots, her coal capacity was 1,000 tons and her crew numbered 300 men.

The cruiser with which the Yoshino collided was the Kasuga (or Kasumi), a cruiser of 5,416 tons, built in Philadelphia in 1907-08, or it may be the armored cruiser Kasuga, formerly the Morino, purchased from Argentina in 1904, and formerly the Rivadavia to Japan, just previous to the outbreak of the war.

The Hatsuze was a battle ship of 15,000 tons displacement and of the latest model. She was only completed in 1900, was built in England, was 440 feet long, had 70½ feet beam, drew 27 feet of water, had 16,000 indicated horse-power, and was fitted with water-tube boilers. She was completely armed with steel her armament consisted of four 12-inch guns, fourteen 6-inch guns, twenty 12-pounders, eight 3-pounders and four 2½-pounders. She had four torpedoes, 12 in all, mounted on 10-inch 10-knots. Her crew numbered 741 men.

### MILITARY INQUIRY.

Reported Large Supply of Ammunition Subject for Investigation.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.  
NEW YORK, May 19.—A cablegram from London, says the Birmingham Post is informed by the military authority in Odessa, that there is a great commotion at Russian headquarters over the discovery that various reserves of ammunition kept at Kherson and other neighboring places, representing 50,000 rounds, have either completely disappeared or are so worthless that practically none is available for use. Inquiry into the matter is proceeding.

### Skirmishes South of Kin-Chou.

TOKYO, May 19, 4:30 p.m.—It is unofficially reported that small skirmishes are taking place south of Kin-Chou. On the Liao-Tung peninsula the Japanese line extends from Chinchaton to Chuleshan, across a ridge of hills a mile and a half north of Kin-Chou. Kin-Chou is seven or eight miles from the Japanese line, the nearest part of the peninsula and forty miles north of Port Arthur. The Japanese line, therefore, is less than forty-five miles from Port Arthur.

### Jap Losses at Kiu-Lien-Cheng.

Gen. Kuroki reports that the Japanese losses at the battle of Kiu-Lien-Cheng, May 1, were: Killed, 5 officers and 218 men; wounded, 33 officers and 783 men. Thirteen hundred and sixty-three Russian dead were buried and 18 officers and 595 men were taken prisoners. The Japanese captured 21 quick-firing guns, 19 ammunition wagons, 1,107 shotguns, 8 machine guns and 37,000 shells for these guns; 1,021 rifles and 350,000 rounds of ammunition, 63 horses, 10 wagons and 1,244 coats and 541 pairs of shoes.

At Feng-Wang-Chang the Japanese captured 357 shells for mountain guns, 188,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, 729 coats, 40,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition, together with a quantity of tools and telegraph stores.

### FEARS A BOMBARDMENT.

Vladivostok Thinks Next Jap Attack Will Be More Effective.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.—A copy of the Vladivostok Vostochny Vestnik, which has just reached this city, expresses fears that the next bombardment of the Japanese will be more effective than that of March. It says it is expected the enemy's ships will take up a position in Amur bay, now free from ice, in which they could not maneuver in March, compelling them to fire from Ussuri bay.

The paper also reports that 2,500 Japanese who disembarked at Plaksin bay, in the northeast of Korea, in the beginning of March, intending to proceed to Mao-Shan, turned back because the hardships they suffered along the route.

### Attitude of Chinese.

It is learned that Foreign Minister Lam-dorff in interviews yesterday with representatives of the great powers laid particular emphasis on the attitude of the Chinese. He referred to the necessity for all the governments continuing the policy of constantly impressing Peking with the advisability of preserving the peace.

The minister has not forgotten the 100,000 of the imperial government in 1904.

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## NO NOMINATION TODAY

Republicans at Springfield  
Take the Fiftieth Ballot.

## YATES IN RACE TO STAY

EFFORT MADE TO NOMINATE  
BALANCE OF STATE TICKET.

References to Lincoln, Grant and Oglesby Fail to Move Delegates to Break Deadlock.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 19.—Delegates to the republican state convention expected no nomination for governor today. Conferences held during the night had for their purpose a combination to nominate Hamilton. This movement is said to have had the influence of Senator Callahan back of it, and to have had the moral support of Speaker Cannon. The combination contemplated the union of the Deane-Hamilton-Sherman forces, with accessions from Lowdens county delegates sufficient to nominate.

The most strenuous efforts, however, apparently failed to secure enough delegates to assure the success of the plan. As a result it was thought improbable that a shift to Hamilton would occur today.

The Yates people did nothing during the night in the way of attempting combinations. They decided merely to "stand pat" until the opposition exhausted all efforts at combinations.

### Yates Will Not Withdraw.

When Governor Yates was asked regarding the statement published in a Chicago paper today to the effect that he would withdraw from the race, the governor said the statement was absolutely false.

When the republican state convention assembled today, Representative Fuller of Boone offered a resolution providing that, unless the convention made a nomination for governor at the present session, the roll call on governor be suspended and the convention nominate the remainder of the ticket.

### Yates Men Protest.

Yates men from Adams county entered a protest and demanded a roll call. Yates called his men about him and in the confusion shouted "All vote now."

J. H. Burke of Cook, a Deane delegate, raised a point of order that it would require two-thirds vote to adopt the resolution. Chairman Cannon ruled that a majority could decide the question.

"When we demand a roll call," said Burke.

"One-fifth of the convention can demand a roll call," said Chairman Cannon. Almost all of the Cook county delegates and a large proportion of the Yates delegates sprang to their chairs and the chair ordered the roll call.

The roll call resulted in a defeat for the resolution, the yeas being 301, nays, 1,201.

### Fuller Tries Eulogies.

In offering his resolution to proceed with the nomination of other candidates in case a candidate for governor could not be agreed upon today, Mr. Fuller said:

"Nineteen years ago today, on the 19th of May, the greatest deadlock in the history of the state of Illinois was broken and John A. Logan was elected senator of the United States. (Cheers.) Let us do as well today and let hereafter be remembered as the day when the republic of Illinois was saved. Let us think of Lincoln, of Grant and of Oglesby."

The forty-eighth ballot, which was the first of the day, was taken after the Fuller resolution had been voted down. The yeas were 301, nays, 1,201. Deane, 422½; Hamlin, 112; Warner, 41; Sherman, 2; Pierce, 31.

The forty-ninth ballot: Yates, 487; Lowdens, 391½; Hamlin, 111; Warner, 39; Sherman, 42; Pierce, 32.

On the fiftieth roll call the official vote stood: Yates, 496; Lowdens, 391½; Hamlin, 111; Warner, 40; Sherman, 40; Pierce, 32.

The convention then took a recess to 3 p.m.

### PRESBYTERIANS CONVENE.

General Assembly Meets at Buffalo Today—Cumberland Branch.

BUFFALO, May 19.—The one hundred and sixteenth general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States convened here today with a very large attendance. There are in all 710 commissioners.

The assembly is the court of last resort of the Presbyterian body in this country representing 1,000,000 persons, 7,800 congregations and 7,000 ministers.

One of the main questions to be considered is an act of the Cumberland church, which seceded from the parent body in 1810 and was organized as a separate church. The secession was on doctrinal and educational grounds. Pre-ordination and the educational qualifications for the ministry were among the grounds of dissent.

The Cumberland church body made a committee, of which the Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts is chairman, looks to reunion with the parent body. The plan is to give the future maintenance of the Cumberland jurisdiction.

The Cumberland church body received from the 241 presbyteries, including the Springfield, Ill., presbytery, requesting that the report of the committee on the matter be adopted and action be taken concerning certain of the proposed grounds of amalgamation. It is thought by some that the Cumberland church body is likely to defeat its purpose. Educational endeavor will also have a prominent place in the discussion, as will the ritual.

It is probable that a form of ritual will be adopted which may be regarded as official for the church, but the use of which, will be left entirely to the wishes of the congregation.

### The Cumberland Assembly.

DALLAS, Texas, May 19.—One hundred delegates were present when the seventy-fifth annual session of the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was called to order at 11 o'clock today in the First Church. Dr. B. M. Tinnon of Denver, the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon, after which adjournment was taken until afternoon.

Today's sessions were purely preliminary. The delegates were welcomed by Major Henry de Cuoon, and pastors of all denominations in the city addressed the assembly. Day and night sessions will be held.

Previous to assembling for today's



PUZZLE PICTURE: FIND THE CANDIDATE.

## A PRACTICAL JOKE

UNUSUAL INCIDENT ON EAST FRONT OF CAPITOL.

Two Men, One Blacked Up, the Other Made Up for President, a Kinestoscope.

President Roosevelt in the prospective victim of a rather unsavory practical joke. If, indeed, it was intended for nothing more than a minstrel "gag"—which was attempted upon him today. The occurrence caused some excitement in social circles and undoubtedly, by reason of the unpleasant possibilities involved, will be further looked into by the proper officials.

This morning shortly before 8 o'clock a man made up as a negro, pretended to have an accident on the Capitol plaza, in front of the George Washington statue, falling to the pavement. Then an open barouche drove up, from which stepped a man who was made up to resemble President Roosevelt. With the aid of his coachman, who wore a livery, the "President" was taken to the White House.

The work of the conference is to prepare for the general assembly papers dealing with the management of educational institutions at which young men are prepared to choose on this ballot, 481. A third ballot was then taken.

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## LA FOLLETTE CHOSEN

Nominated by Regulars at  
Madison Today.

## SELECTION UNANIMOUS

OTHER OFFICERS VOTED UPON  
COLLECTIVELY.

Platform Adopted Indorsing National and State Administrations—Governor Accorded Applause.

MADISON, Wis., May 19.—Two state republican conventions were called to order today. The one at the university gymnasium, it was said, would be attended strictly by the La Follette faction. It was said that the anti-third termers, composed largely of Baensch supporters, would be joined by the Cook forces at the Fuller Opera House. It was said that La Follette would head one state ticket, and Cook the other, the Baensch strength going to Cook. Emmet R. Hicks of Oshkosh, manager of the Cook campaign, said today that the Cook delegation would become part of the convention which had a majority of legally accredited delegates, and that, in his opinion, the opposition to La Follette composed the legal body.

When permanent Chairman Lenroot, presiding at the republican convention attended by the La Follette delegates, called the gathering to order, the resignation of Chas. F. Fuller of Milwaukee, one of the anti-third term leaders from the committee on resolutions, was read and accepted. Fred. Lorent of Milwaukee was named to fill the vacancy.

Several Hundred Chairs Empty.

Several hundred delegates' chairs were empty, and it was said all of the Baensch and Cook delegates were attending the anti-third term convention at the Fuller Opera House.

Chairman Chynoweth reported that three members of the resolutions committee, Messrs. Reynolds, Bennett and Rindorf, failed to meet with the committee, but that, as prepared, the report was signed by eight members of the committee.

The platform strongly indorses the national administration and the state administration of Governor La Follette.

The platform as read was adopted unanimously. The roll call showed that 58½ delegates were present.

State Senator John M. Fear of the eleventh district placed in nomination for governor, Robert M. La Follette. His speech was highly laudatory of the governor and La Follette and anti-third termers. It was announced that they would not give recognition to the La Follette gathering by being present as Cook men, and that not until the next right of the Baensch delegates from the counties in question was determined whether they sit in the convention at the Fuller Opera House. Their leader, E. R. Hicks, said he would take his men into the anti-third term convention when the credentials determined who the rightful delegates were.

Mr. G. Jeffris of Rock county called the temporary anti-third term organization to order. Delegate F. D. Lake of Winnebago county stated anti-third termers, required to deal with new and unsettled problems at home and abroad, he has at all times and under all circumstances, with marked wisdom and foresight, been guided by the principles of the progressive, patriotic and courageous administration of Theodore Roosevelt. Facing the gravest of responsibilities, required to deal with new and unsettled problems at home and abroad, he has at all times and